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Police urge motorists to drive safe, sober this Labor Day *Saturation patrols will be in place through the weekend*

Howard County Police will be out in force this Labor Day working to keep county roads safe from drunken and aggressive drivers.

Saturation patrols will be in place through the holiday weekend to seek out impaired and aggressive drivers. Additional officers will be deployed for the sole purpose of detecting and arresting impaired drivers or those who drive aggressively.

Almost 40 percent of crashes in the U.S. over Labor Day weekend in 2013 involved a drunk driver, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA.gov). In fact, nearly half of all drivers ages 18-34 who were killed in crashes that weekend were drunk. In the previous five years, almost 500 drunk drivers died over the Labor Day weekend.

As always, police are urging residents to designate a sober driver before consuming any alcohol. The department is also encouraging residents to obey the speed limit, wear a seat belt and eliminate distractions. If you see an impaired driver on the road, please call 911.

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